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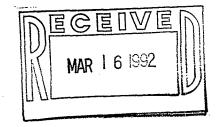
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Dr. Harmon C. McCallister, Jr.
The Council for Tobacco Research - USA, Inc.
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Dear Dr. McCallister:



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I am writing to inquire whether The Council for Tobacco Research is willing to make a modest grant in support of my research. Since I was fortunate to win a Presidential Young Investigator Award, your contribution would be matched by the National Science Foundation without any restrictions to our partnership. The benefit of your grant would thus be doubled.

Our partnership would be in mutual interest. Your aid would advance our investigations of recognition, inhibition, and selective cleavage of proteins and DNA by inorganic complexes or another biochemical project that is relevant to biotechnology. I would share with you all of our findings and would acknowledge your aid in publications and lectures. Research students and postdoctoral fellows in my group and in this large department would be fully aware of your contribution.

Enclosed please find my curriculum vitae with list of honors and list of publications. Please share this information with others at The Council for Tobacco Research who may be interested in a partnership. If you would like further information I would be happy to provide it by telephone (515/294-7715) or by fax (515/294-0105). I would be delighted to meet with you at your convenience.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. I am looking forward to hearing positively from you.

Sincerely yours,

Nenad M. Kostić

Associate Professor of Chemistry

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